(e) Does not arise.

Demand and supply of gas connections

8035. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts Government propose to make to ensure smooth supply of LPG in the country, particularly in Punjab; and

(b) the extent of demand and the supply of gas connections in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in the country including in the State of Punjab, who are enrolled with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants during extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas.

(b) Allotment of new gas connections is not made on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released to wait-listed applicants according to serial order of registration, depending on new customer enrolment allotted to a distributor, based on slack available with each distributor waiting list and product availability. A statement showing the number of connections released during the last two years is annexed.

Statement

Demand and supply of LPG connections

(Fig. in 000')

States	Number of LPG connections released	
	1993-1994	1994-95
Andhra Pradesh	100.83	175.07
Arunachal Pradesh	1.92	7.08
Assam	10.92	45.35
Bihar	48.53	125.86
Goa	6.73	8.45
Gujarat	57.66	109.48
Haryana	44.42	65.10
Himachal Pradesh	52.19	48.23
Jammu & Kashmir	32.33	37.39
Karnataka	87.99	119.81
Kerala	64.97	104.23
Madhya Pradesh	52.34	105.06
Maharashtra	168.55	351.02
Manipur	1.79	6.08
Meghalaya	1.77	5.71

States	Number of LPG connections released	
Mizoram	2.52	6.50
Nagaland	1.23	3.75
Orissa	22.94	60.45
Punjab	52.41	100.04
Rajasthan	80.65	72.99
Sikkim	1.94	3.28
Tamilnadu	94.57	172.99
Tripura	1.02	5.37
Uttar Pradesh	185.31	281.04
West Bengal	72.17	140.64
Union Territories		
Andaman & Nicobar	2.03	4.34
Chandigarh	7.38	13.77
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.24	0.55
Daman & Diu	0.40	0.75
Delhi	93.56	128.98
Lakshdweep	0.21	0.35
Pondicherry	0.98	3.88

Mining work by ONGC in Damoh District of M.P.

8036. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) in which year the mining work was undertaken in Kondakala village in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, together, with the results thereof;

(b) whether the mining work would be undertaken in Chariari, Kaloomar, Bhaisa, Devtara and other places of Damoh district, which have been surveyed by Oil and Natural Corporation Limited; and

(c) what are the details of survey report of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited in respect of the places mentioned in part (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No drilling work has